

**BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 22-03
HONORING JAMES L. MAGAVERN, LEGAL COUNSEL
OF THE BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2003, the New York State Governor signed into law Chapter 122 of the Laws of 2003, known as the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority Act, which created the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority (“BFSA”) to assist in the restoration of fiscal stability in the City of Buffalo and within its covered organizations; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2012, and pursuant to Resolution No. 12-31, the BFSA Board of Directors unanimously voted to engage the law firm of Magavern Magavern Grimm LLP to provide legal services, noting specifically the ability of Mr. James L. Magavern, Esq., to meet the unique needs of the BFSA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magavern brought an extensive amount of legal expertise in various municipal areas, both financial and operational, having served in the past as counsel to the Comptroller of the State of New York, County Attorney, and Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York, among others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magavern has been honored by various organizations including being selected by a Business First survey as best lawyer in Western New York in Government Negotiation, Lawyer of the Year by the Bar Association of Erie County, and was the recipient in 2001 of the Edwin F. Jaeckle Award, the highest honor bestowed by the University at Buffalo Law School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magavern’s contributions to the community have been innumerable including serving as President of the Bar Association of Erie County, Chair of the Charter Revision Commission of the City of Buffalo, Vice-Chair of the Erie County Charter Revision Committee, Member of the New York State Commission on Government Integrity, Chair of the Buffalo State College President’s Blue Ribbon Committee on Equity and Diversity, Chairman of the Buffalo Baseball Stadium Design Advisory Committee, Chair of the Panel to Revise the Code of Ethics of the City of Buffalo, among other roles as member, director and officer of other professional and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magavern worked tirelessly to address the needs of the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority during the Covid-19 pandemic, assisting to ensure that the City of Buffalo continued to thrive for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magavern continued to provide invaluable advice to the BFSA until his passing on March 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Magavern’s contributions to the community, the City of Buffalo, and the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority will endure and positively impact future generations of the City of Buffalo.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority does hereby honor and appreciate Mr. James L. Magavern, Esq., for his outstanding contributions to the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority, the City of Buffalo, the Buffalo City School District, the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority, the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency and the entire Western New York Community.

Approved May 18, 2022

/s/ Frederick G. Floss
Frederick G. Floss, Secretary